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ISO launched and ready to go

By Lisa Wilhelm

Conestoga College continuously seeks opportunities for improvement, Conestoga president John Tibbits told the ISO 9001 launch held Jan. 28 at the Doon campus.

"Our goal here is to ensure that we become one of the best colleges in the world, that we have world class standards which will be in the interest of all employees and certainly in the interest of all our students," said Tibbits. "I think there's a tremendous opportunity for everyone here to get involved in this process and I think it will help us to improve our operations so that we can continue to be proud of either being students here or being employees here."

Bill Jeffrey, a member of the ISO committee, said the launch was to commemorate the completion of the construction of the system that will implement ISO 9001 at Conestoga.

Another reason for the launch was to make students and teachers at Conestoga aware that the college is implementing ISO 9001, an international series of generic quality standards that provide guidelines for establishing a quality assurance system within an organization.

Launches were also held at the Waterloo and Guelph



John Tibbits and Martha George unveil the ISO 9001 banner designed by graphics student Wade Convey. (Photo by Lisa Wilhelm)

campuses on Jan. 28.

The launch at Doon, which was the first of the three to occur, began with opening remarks from Jeffrey and then comments from John Tibbits.

Martha George, vice-president

of the board of governors, also brought comments of support. She said the board is excited by the college's embarkment into ISO 9001.

She also offered the board's full support for the college's initiative.

Tibbits and George then unveiled the new ISO logo, designed by Wade Convey of graphics design.

The logo reflects the ISO 9001 registration that the college is going to try to achieve.

Brian Bambrick, Doon Student Association promotions assistant, then announced the winners of the ISO trivia contest, which was held prior to the launch. Winners who were in attendance received ISO T-shirts.

Jeffrey said he was happy with the turnout at the launch.

"It was excellent. It was exactly the launch we wanted," said Jeffrey. "We have the students', employees' and board's support and that's what we wanted."

Bambrick, a student member of the steering committee, said he was also pleased with the turnout.

"It went over really well. (The cafeteria) was full and that's really what we were trying to get," Bambrick said. "As for students, there could have been more, but I think it went over really well."

With the ISO steering committee already in place, Jeffrey said the next step is to develop and apply the ISO requirements to become registered. This should take between 15 and 20 months to do, he said.

"Then we'll have another big celebration," said Jeffrey.

Parking lots targeted

Security reports rash of car break-ins

By Elizabeth Sackrider

Lock your doors and put your valuables in the trunk, security officials are warning students after a recent rash of parking-lot thefts.

Seven cars were broken into in January, with three of the thefts occurring in one day.

About \$3,000 worth of stereo equipment was stolen from a vehicle in parking lot 12, a cell phone was taken from a car in parking lot 5 and a stereo and CDs were taken from a vehicle in parking lot 2 in a looting frenzy on Jan. 26.

"If they (the students) have anything in their vehicles that is not fastened in . . . and it is visible from the outside, I would suggest they either cover it or put it in the trunk of their vehicle," said Allan Hunter, head of security at the college.

CDs, cell phones, stereos and sports equipment are targeted by thieves who generally attack during the primary class hours between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The large, busy parking lots make it easy for the thieves to go unnoticed.

"It is causing us (security) a fair amount of concern," said Hunter

who has been working with Waterloo regional police on the problem.

"We have asked for extra patrols in this area," Hunter said.

In most of the theft cases, the thieves have gained entry by breaking a side window or by popping a door lock.

"When you have 2,600 vehicles spread over 11 parking lots, it is really very difficult to monitor them all," he said.

By parking in the same lot for eight months, however, students generally get to know others who use the spaces.

"Be alert for your brother or

sister students. If you see someone acting in a suspicious manner, let security know right away," said Hunter.

Thieves have also taken three vehicles from parking lots this year. Two of the vehicles have been recovered by the police. Since the college is located by Highway 401, it is not unusual for a car thief to pull off and "snatch another ride," said Hunter.

"We have recovered other stolen vehicles from other jurisdictions here," said Hunter, who has suggested the thefts are being done by individuals outside the college community.

Student association raises technology fee to \$80

By Sarah Thomson

Changes to two of the college's auxiliary fees included in students' tuition were discussed at the Doon Student Association's board of directors meeting held in the Sanctuary's Other Room on Jan. 27.

The board unanimously passed a proposal to raise the technology fee for the coming year from \$70 to \$80.

Grant McGregor, principal of the college, approached the board at the beginning of the meeting with the proposal to raise the technology fee, even though he had approached the board in late November suggesting the fee remain at \$70 for the coming year. He has since changed his mind.

He explained the technology fee has not, in the past, covered the whole cost of upgrading computer equipment, and the increase of \$10 per student would generate enough money to pay for the new 30-computer open access lab.

The new lab will be located beside the current lab in 2A11-3. Five new Internet servers, software and firewall upgrades are also to be purchased for the coming year. Zip drives, wiring and new printers will also be purchased with the 1999-00 technology fee.

"We don't have the government money for technology," McGregor said in explaining why students must pay a higher technology fee.

When Conestoga's current fee was compared to other colleges at the meeting, the college's fee was mid-range. Fees ranged from \$45-\$165.

A promise was made to students in 1997 when the technology fee was implemented, that they would see tangible benefits from the technology fee in software and hardware, not in the hiring of technicians, said McGregor.

The other auxiliary fee discussed in detail was the proposed dental plan that may be added to student tuition next year, pending a student referendum on the subject.

Gerry Cleaves, vice-president of student affairs, discussed the quotes and coverage options from one insurance company and how the promotion of the dental plan would be done leading up to the referendum held on the issue during the DSA elections Feb. 15-18.

Tara Llanes, vice-president of education, suggested the insurance company carrying out the promotion process and holding the referendum would be unethical because it would be better business to stick with the same company that does the health plan. It was also suggested that brochures quoting prices from the specific insurance company not be used because they would give students the wrong idea about the rates they could expect if the DSA was to go with another company.

After a discussion that lasted at least 30 minutes, the board decided the DSA executive would create their own brochure

to be distributed. It was also decided the DSA would hold the referendum to show the student body their support for the dental plan.

In other business, Monica Himmelman, alumni services officer, introduced herself to the board and informed them of alumni's services.

Jack Fletcher, director of student and recreation services, outlined how the Key Performance Indicators survey would be carried out from Feb. 1-5.

Ellen Menage, DSA promotions assistant, gave an update on activities. Tickets were still available for the Buffalo Sabres bus trip and the seats are four rows behind the goalie.

Mike Harris, chief returning officer for the elections, outlined the election schedule. Campaigning runs from Friday, Jan. 29 - Friday, Feb. 12. Voting takes place Monday, Feb. 15 to Thursday, Feb. 18. The unofficial results will be available on Friday, Feb. 19.

DSA donates \$6,000 for bursaries, scholarships, tutoring

By Jaime Clark

Charitable donations were the focus of the Doon Student Association (DSA) meeting held on Jan. 26 in the Sanctuary's Other Room.

The DSA will donate \$3,000 in bursaries and scholarships again this year including 10 \$250 bursaries and five \$100 scholarships. Students can pick up forms to apply for bursaries at the registrar's office.

A motion was also passed to donate \$3,000 to the peer

tutoring service at the college.

Diane Santos, media relations representative at the recreation centre, has requested that the DSA donate grab bags to hockey teams participating in the OCAA provincial and national hockey finals to be held at the rec centre.

Becky Boertien, DSA director of student life, suggested the DSA use pens and highlighters left over from orientation packages to fill the 200 bags required.

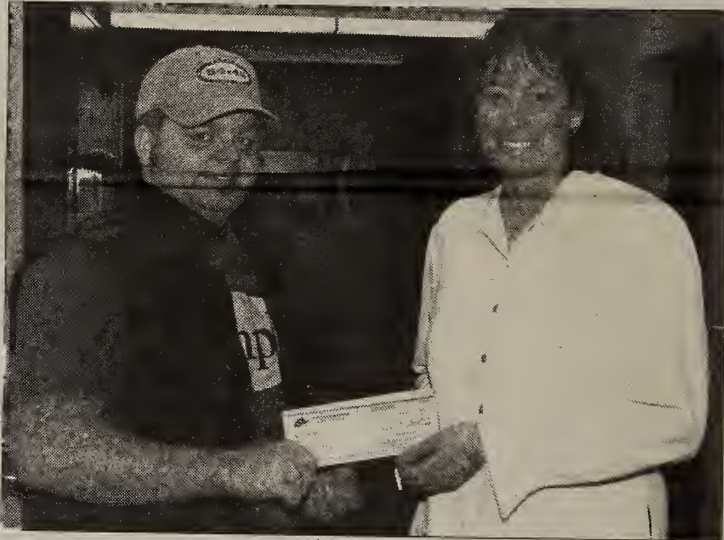
DSA president Kristin Murphy also suggested the DSA fill the bags with items on hand rather

than buying items for the bags.

The meeting also discussed how to dispose of four computers once used in the DSA offices.

One option considered was giving the computers to teachers who don't have computers for their offices.

The executive also discussed the possibility of auctioning off the computers to students and employees of the college. The DSA decided to hold an auction for the computer. It will be open to any student or employee who wishes to make a bid.



Kristen Murphy, Doon Student Association president, presents Lynn Robbins, student-services counsellor, with a \$3,000 donation for peer services. (Photo by Jaime Clark)

Doon Student Association Annual Awards



Criteria for Awards

- Certificate of Appreciation** - The Recipients of this award are members of the College Community whose contribution to college life has been significant.
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Vice-chair promoted

Board of governors gets new chairperson

By Melissa Dietrich

The current executive director of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) for Waterloo-Wellington-Dufferin has been elected as chair of the board of governors for the 1999-2000 academic year at Conestoga College.

Sandra Hanmer accepted the nomination from her fellow members in September of 1998, after being a member on the board for two years and serving as one of the vice-chairs last year.

Hanmer said her original decision to become a board member was because of her work within health care. Through the committees she belongs to and her job she has always been involved with the students at Conestoga College, especially in the nursing and related health-science programs.

"I value very much the role the college has in the community and as an employer, I value the opportunities for students in this area to have involvement and have appropriate placements," she said.

Hanmer said the fact that the college is in Waterloo Region makes it important that the programs reflect the needs of the employers in the area as well as the needs the students have for higher education.

"I feel that being a part of the board, especially in the exciting time it is now, I

have an opportunity to help ensure that all programs at the college meet the students' needs as well as the employers and communities that we serve," she said.

Hanmer said she has several responsibilities as the chair. They include facilitating monthly board meetings and providing leadership as the board tries to fulfill its mandate.

"I think I can bring some strong influence in some new trends in my industry and bring these trends out from other board members."

*Sandra Hanmer,
board of governors chair*

"I have a responsibility to the student population to show that the board is interested in and supportive of issues that are facing the students and providing the opportunities for those issues to be addressed," she said.

Hanmer's educational background includes a masters in health science from the University of Toronto and a bachelor of

arts in geography and environmental studies from McGill University. She is also certified as a health care executive through the Canadian College of Health Services Executives.

She has been a member of the VON since 1997 and prior to that she was the assistant executive director of Stratford General Hospital and before that she worked at Grand River Hospital.

Hanmer said her leadership, coaching and facilitating skills will help in her job as the chair of the governing board for the college.

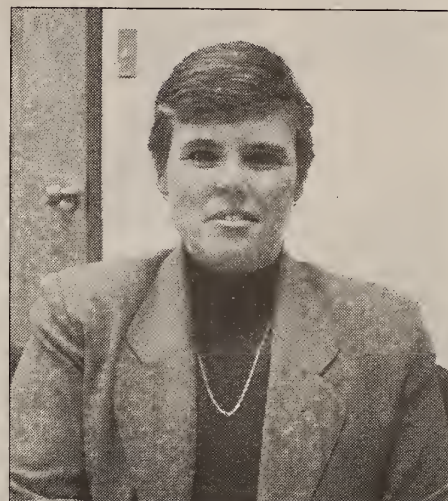
Hanmer said being involved in a public-sector industry, as health care is, is not exactly the same as education, yet very similar some ways.

"There is a strong linkage between the education system and the other industries because we need the students to work within our industries," she said. "I think I can bring some strong influence in some new trends in my industry and bring these trends out from other board members."

Hanmer said one of the issues the board will be addressing this year is the college's journey to ISO 9001 registration.

"We look forward to working with the members of the management group, the faculty and the students as the college tries to achieve this registration," she said.

Hanmer, who is the sixth woman to chair the board, said she will also be working



Sandra Hanmer, executive director of VON is the current chair for the board of governors at Conestoga College.

(Photo by Melissa Dietrich)

with the council of regents, the college and the ministry to obtain feedback on behalf of the college to ensure they are meeting the needs of students and their education.

Married and a mother of four girls, Hanmer also sits on all of the college committees, the provincial board for the VON, VON Canada, the district health council for Waterloo-Wellington-Dufferin and the mental-health/long-term care committee for the health council.

KPI student surveys to cost six per cent of governors' budget

By Melissa Dietrich

A discussion of details involved in the data collection for defining the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) that measure colleges' performance was included in the agenda of the board of governors meeting on Jan. 26.

The funding for the KPI program was discussed and it is estimated that the program will take up six per cent of the board's budget. Conestoga students are currently completing student satisfaction surveys as part of the KPI data collection. What will be done with the information gathered from the surveys and where they will be stored was also discussed at the meeting.

Chaired by Sandra Hanmer who is the executive director of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Waterloo-Wellington-Dufferin, the meeting was attended by 17 people including students, faculty and management at Conestoga College and those representing the industry of Kitchener-Waterloo and surrounding area.

Some of other the items addressed during the meeting included the presentation to the board of Conestoga students who had recently won awards for their work.

First, five of the 10 marketing students that took part in the Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition held at Durham

College were present to speak to the board about the competition. Participating students included; Bernadette Giet, Maria Lacko, Jen MacKinnon, Ambrose Garvey, Hulya Erol, Lisa Cashmore, Sheila Jackson, Kristi Meyer, Katherine Crespo, Michelle Sebastian and Joanne Scott.

The group won first place for the second year in a row. They also announced that Conestoga would be holding the competition in the year 2000.

Two of the college's graphic arts students were also present to tell the board about winning the poster and pin-design contest for the Ontario Skills Canada competition. Heather Miehman, a first-year student, won the pin contest. And Jug Vagha, a third-year student was the winner of the poster contest.

The event that takes place annually at Conestoga College will be celebrating its 10th year in 1999.

Two members of the council of regents were present to inform the board of the council's purpose and issues they will be addressing this year.

The meeting also included a detailed report for the financial-audit committee. A copy of the budget review was given to each of the board members.

One of the other items discussed by the committee was the Y2K issue, which was addressed by Tony Pimenoff, director of information and technology services for the college. He told the board that the committee has run several tests on the computers used by students and they do not expect any major problems to occur as a result of the new millennium.

The computers used by faculty and support staff at the college are still being tested for possible glitches.

The next meeting will take place on Feb. 22.



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Anger isn't enough to combat violence in our cities

I'm scared. No, I didn't rent *Scream 2* or get a little too involved in a recent episode of *The X-Files*. I am talking about the kind of fear that makes me wonder about the foot-steps I hear when I walk to my car at night. The kind that makes me jump when I hear an unexpected voice behind me in the underground garage of my building.



Julie van Donkersgoed

I don't walk anywhere at night, even to my car, without programming 911 into my cell phone and keeping a finger hovering above the "send" button. Feel free to call me paranoid, but if you do, don't forget to call me angry too.

I'm angry that I can't walk to the corner store at night without a friend, usually a male, to protect me from those who prey on "the weak." I'm angry that I can't assume a person stopped at the side of the road really needs my help and isn't really some sicko that will hack me into a million pieces.

While I am aware that stabbings, home invasions, shootings and sexual assaults are incidents that occur every day, the victims splashed across the evening news have never really had an impact on me, until now.

A new phenomenon, well, new to me at least, has begun to emerge in the generally peaceful confines of our twin cities. During the past two weeks, an intruder has sexually assaulted a woman in her own home, a cab driver was stabbed

repeatedly over a cab fare, and another woman was sexually assaulted on a bus.

I must have been turning a blind eye to the crimes happening in my own neighbourhood.

You don't have to live in a large city for crime to happen. Rapes and murders occur in small communities too.

To be angry about the violence that occurs around us is not enough. Action must accompany our words.

We must consider the human faces

and lives that are affected by violence on a daily basis. When was the last time you considered who was really being affected by the piercing wail of that siren that jolted you out of your sleep at 2 a.m.?

When faces of violence become blurred into "them", we lose sight of the problem. Acknowledging the victims of violent crimes will force us to acknowledge that the victims are our neighbours. When we turn a blind eye to them, we turn a blind eye to ourselves.

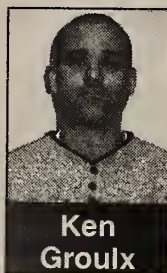
Does 2000 really spell the end?

Armageddon will soon be upon us. The end is near. Domsday is coming. The Internet is filled with these grim prophecies. Citations from the Book of Revelations are not the basis for these prognostications, however. Instead, it is the year 2000 computer glitch, or Y2K bug, that will cause mankind's downfall.

For those of you back from another universe, the Y2K bug is a computer affliction that is the result of computer programmers' short-sighted implementation of two digits to record year dates, as in 99 instead of 1999.

The potential for chaos is the result of embedded microchips misreading the year 2000 as 1900.

Surely, the hard-line apocalyptic-watchers were pining for something of more biblical proportions. Clouds of swarming locusts? Simultaneous, worldwide lava bursts? One thousand foot tidal waves? But two digits on a



Ken Groulx

microprocessor? It just doesn't fill you with the same sense of dread, does it?

But there are those who would have you believe when the clock strikes past 00:00 hours on Jan. 2000, planes will fall from the sky, nuclear devices will detonate and society will revert to savagery.

Ed Youden, co-author of *Time Bomb 2000* and guru of a Y2K safe-haven movement, said he expects people to die of hypothermia and starvation as the bug causes industrial shutdowns, stock-market crashes and food riots.

Another militia-style group, called the Home Defense Forces, suggests stockpiling weapons to ward off looters.

There are also Web sites flogging emergency rations, survival domes and property in the middle of Nowhere, U.S.A.

Not every Y2K bug problem yields anxiety. Perhaps you'll go to an Internet machine and find an extra zero attached to your bank account.

Maybe you won't get a long-distance telephone bill for three months. Conestoga College may prematurely mail you your

diploma before the semester is completed.

This is all silly, wishful thinking, of course; but it is no more ridiculous than the extreme amount of hysterical paranoia surrounding this malignant critter.

Sure, you can cower in your basement along with all the other cultists and fanatics under an imminent cloud of doom, but why?

The simple truth is that you, I, and every other commoner are powerless to solve it.

It's our own human nature of putting off problems despite long-term consequences that landed us in this mess anyway and now we just have to live with it.

So whether you decide to bunker underground with kegs of distilled water, freeze-dried rations and lots of batteries, or simply forgo anxiety and find solace in apathy, take whatever Y2K problems you encounter in stride.

The only thing you need to arm yourself with is patience and a sense of humour; it may be the only resource you have.

The sky is not falling, but come Jan. 1, 2000, it may be a little closer to the ground.

Common sense means dollars and cents

Despite having the tact of a rusty hacksaw at times, Premier Mike Harris continues to charm Ontario's elite.

These well-heeled supporters, however, rarely walk the same boulevards as welfare moms or the minimum-wage pions running industrialists' squeaky-clean factories.

Last Thursday, the king of Ontario made his usual rounds of



Wayne Collins

Waterloo Region's Rotary clubs and service clubs.

How his sermons about restraint and restructuring translate into improving and upgrading is anybody's guess. These groups, however, seem to get it. To others, "Common Sense" has become dollars and cents. Hungry kids and sick people appear to be pesky road bumps beneath this Sherman tank of deficit reduction.

Elitism and business will mix well as the new millennium approaches. Toyota plants and chambers of commerce simply adore their king, while penniless wretches scatter before

his busy knife.

Money now rules Ontario, and polluters, like Uniroyal of Elmira, needn't fear a man who's slashed the Environment Ministry's budget and staff by a half and a third respectively.

Uniroyal's real enemy is public opinion polls, for the king's nostrils are sniffing out election strategies.

Meanwhile, the naïve and the well-to-do sleep well, dreaming that the cuts create healthier bodies and stronger minds.

Even taxes will someday exist only in history books, leather bound and funded from piggy

banks filled with welfare pennies.

Voters must choose their messiah over an opposition that Harris says "stands for absolutely nothing."

These murky lines between Tory rhetoric and official government announcements have blurred further, resembling a pre-election smear campaign. Taxpayers have become docile enough to sponsor Tory television ads with hardly a whimper.

Should Elmira's residents, accordingly, dismiss Harris's unscripted suggestions to boycott Uniroyal's products?

Isn't that like refusing to board a bus that didn't even stop? After

all, Elmira's shoppers don't know where to go to avoid buying these evil goods, anyway.

The premier's sincerity, however, should not be on trial here, anymore than his soul. That's another's jurisdiction.

As voters, our job is to decide if the strikes, the pain, the losses and the gains are truly worth it. Hopefully, voters are not like sheep lining up for a regular shearing.

If the messiah has truly arrived at Queen's Park, then business won't survive without him. Others may not survive him.

Few will ever forget him.

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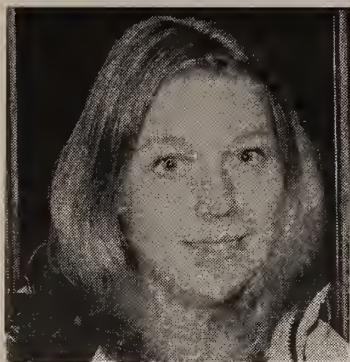
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Crystal Seigmiller, first-year materials-management student.



Ryan Hicks, second-year marketing student.



Jackie Klobucar, second-year general-business student.

Keeping happy in the cold

Chasing away the winter blues

By Neven Mujezinovic

Are the winter blues getting you down? If the answer is 'yes,' don't despair, because you're not alone.

In fact, over 25 million people worldwide are affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder, a condition that strikes during the long, cold winters.

The symptoms of the disorder include depression, anxiety, lethargy and irritability.

In a survey conducted at Conestoga College, students were asked if they had any tips or suggestions to help keep the winter blues at bay.

The majority of respondents suggested outdoor activities and exercise as a way to keep busy and stay happy. Others had different recommendations to make.

"Go some place warm for spring break," said Dan Machmueller, a second-year construction-engineering student. "Get away. Get out of the cold."

Jackie Klobucar, a second-year general-business student, suggested winter sports. She said a lot of people neglect physical activity in the winter time, which is one reason they might feel down.

"Any winter sport is fine: skiing, skating, cross-country and downhill," said Klobucar.

Klobucar also had words of encouragement for those who do not have the time or money to do winter sports. "Just go out and have fun and do creative things, or even spend time with kids."

Ryan Hicks and Lisa Cashmore, second-year marketing students, agreed the best way to stay happy is to be active.

"Just do stuff outside. Don't sit around and watch TV," said Hicks.

"Be with your friends," said Cashmore, adding another important ingredient to seasonal contentment.

Crystal Seigmiller, a first-year

the winter blahs.

For Ford the ultimate serenity is in the home. "I love to get a movie and popcorn and make it fun," said Ford.

Hunter, on the other hand, has to be doing things outside in order to feel good.

"I like going to the movies, going out with my friends more. Anything to stay out of the house," says Hunter.

Ivan Popovic, a second-year management-studies student, was short and to the point.

"Don't worry too much. That's pretty much it," said Popovic.

Edmond Kwan, a first-year marketing student, had a few suggestions. He said students should do something to occupy the mind. If that doesn't do it for you, then drink and party.

"Just don't sit at home and vegate," said Kwan.

Doug Johnson, a first-year student in law and security administration, agreed that partying was a good way to go, but he said people basically should not worry about too much and try to stay stress free.

"Take time to enjoy yourself," said Johnson.

"Just don't sit at home and vegate."

Edmond Kwan, first-year marketing student,

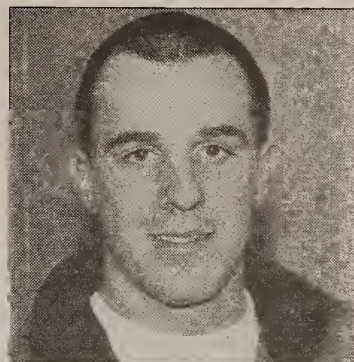
materials-management student, agreed that exercise is the key to happiness.

"My tip would be to exercise a lot. To do aerobics, run and go to the gym. Then you will stay up and healthy," said Seigmiller.

First-year nursing students, Jennifer Ford and Melanie Hunter, had different ideas on overcoming



Lisa Cashmore, second-year marketing student.



Doug Johnson, first-year law and security administration student.



Jennifer Ford, first-year nursing student.

**Photos by
Neven Mujezinovic**

Counterfeit money a problem in K-W

By Judy Sankar

Three Kitchener men have been charged with different counterfeit offences reminding Kitchener-Waterloo that counterfeit money is a serious problem.

"There were 517 separate times last year that we encountered counterfeit money," said Waterloo regional police Staff Sgt. Nigel Moore.

Although the police said counterfeit money is a "major, major problem", according to an article in the K-W Record Jan. 25, Staff Sgt. Sandy Shantz said counterfeit money has been a problem for a number of years, especially during Oktoberfest.

"I don't think it's any more of a problem here than anywhere else," he said. "I think it is a problem in any metropolitan area."

Sgt. Moore agreed that it has long been an issue in Kitchener-Waterloo but says the increased amount of counterfeit Canadian currency has occurred within the past five to 10 years.

"In the '70s, '80s and early '90s, it was mostly US money. It was about 80 per cent US and 20 per cent Canadian," he said. "Now, I'd say it's the opposite."

Both Shantz and Moore said technology is partly to blame for the increase in Canadian counterfeit bills. "Now it's easier and it's seen as an opportunity to

those who are criminally minded," said Moore.

In Kitchener-Waterloo, counterfeit bills turn up most often during Oktoberfest at fest halls, at convenience stores and nightclubs. The reason counterfeit bills turn up so often at convenience stores, according to Shantz, is that the criminal can make a small purchase with a \$50 bill and receive real money for change.

"I don't think it's any more of a problem here than anywhere else,"

Staff Sgt. Sandy Shantz

Counterfeit money has a waxy feel as opposed to real bills, especially new ones which are crisp, said Shantz.

"You can feel the bumps in the paper like it's engraved," he said.

Shantz and Moore agree the solution to the problem is redesigning some of Canada's currency.

The currency used in Australia, for example, has clear window-panes and watermarks in the paper. Not only is it difficult to duplicate, but if one tries to photocopy it, the image turns out

black.

In Canada, offences involving counterfeit money are indictable and punishable by up to 14 years imprisonment. Innocent passers, that is people who are unknowingly in possession of or passing counterfeit bills, are not charged.

"When a case like that occurs, we analyze that person to determine if he/she had intent or not," said Moore.

Although the incidence of counterfeit money has increased throughout Canada, the government has not announced any plans to take action regarding a change in the design of Canada's currency, said Moore.



The incidence of counterfeit money in K-W is a serious problem. (Staged photo by Judy Sankar)

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Doon Student Association elections '99

DSA candidates decided for upcoming 1999-2000 school year

By Jaime Clark

The Conestoga College students who collected 50 signatures or more to run for the Doon Student Association positions of president, vice-president of education, vice-president of student affairs and vice-president of operations met with chief returning officer Mike Harris in the Other Room on Jan. 28 to discuss their candidacy.

Running for vice-president of education is Rebecca Slaughter,

a first-year early childhood education (ECE) student, and Jennifer Harron, a first-year general arts and science student. Tara Llanes currently holds the position of education co-ordinator.

Steve Coleman, a first-year computer programmer analyst student, will automatically assume the position of vice-president of student affairs after his opponent dropped out of the election. The position is currently held by Gerry Cleaves.

Jenn Hussey, who currently holds the rank of vice-president

of operations, will be taking that position again in the coming school year. No candidates ran against her for the position.

The position of DSA president was also acclaimed. No one decided to run against Ellen Menage, who is currently a promotions assistant. She will replace Kristin Murphy in September 1999.

Cleaves, Llanes, Bryan Bambrick, promotions assistant and Jessica Umlandt, public relations manager, will be graduating this year and their positions will also be filled.

Hussey said Murphy may be coming back next year as a promotions assistant, but decided not to run for president so he could focus more on his school work.

The majority of the information covered in the campaign meeting dealt with questions concerning protocol for posting, as well as issues surrounding promotion expenses.

Harris encouraged all the candidates promote themselves as soon as possible.

Voting takes place from Feb. 15 to 18.



Jenn Hussey
VP of Operations

(Photo by Jaime Clark)

Operations VP replays role

By Jaime Clark

Students at Conestoga College will once again get to experience the bubbly personality and enthusiasm of Jenn Hussey as she replays her role as vice-president of operations for the Doon Student Association in September 1999.

Hussey, who has been acclaimed to the position, won't be running a campaign, but does plan to do posters encouraging students to vote in the election.

Hussey, a second-year marketing student, says she wants to make sure that her name is recognized within the student population, but she is more concerned that the DSA get the voter turnout they need.

Hussey says she is looking forward to another stint as vice-president of operations because she wants to keep some continuity within the DSA and she hopes to do things better next time around.

"I'm really excited to do the position again because your first time around is never perfect," she says. "I'm working out the kinks. There are a couple things I didn't do that I would've liked to have done and this is giving me the opportunity to take my third year and do what I had wanted to do and more."

Hussey says she still wants to be a part of the team she has been a part of her entire college life. When she began her first year at Conestoga, she was hired on as a promotions assistant on the DSA two weeks after school started.

Since then, the DSA has been her life, part of her college experience.

"It's an amazing thing," she says. "When I thought about not running this year, I couldn't even think of it. Basically, I've grown up with the DSA."



Ellen Menage
President

(Photo by Lisa Wilhelm)

New DSA president acclaimed

By Lisa Wilhelm

Ellen Menage, a second-year accounting student, has been acclaimed president of the Doon Student Association for the 1999-2000 school year. Menage said she decided to run for president after serving as the DSA's promotions assistant this year.

"After seeing what the president's job entailed this year, I thought I'd be good for the position," said Menage.

As president, she would like to see more interaction between the DSA and other school organizations such as the Conestoga Business Student Association (CBSA).

"I would also like to bring more awareness to the DSA and to the classroom."

She said the DSA has been fun on a regular basis and she wants to see that continue into the new school year.

Her position as DSA promotions assistant included organizing

clubs and awareness weeks. In the past, she also served on her high school student council for five years and has also chaired different committees within the college.

Menage is also involved with varsity soccer, the women's resource group, CBSA activities, and the program advisory committee for accounting.

Menage won't be campaigning since she has been acclaimed, but she does intend to encourage students to vote in the DSA elections.

"I'm not satisfied with only 400 students voting," she said. "I want to get more than 100 students to show support and that's when I'll be satisfied."



DSA Elections '99

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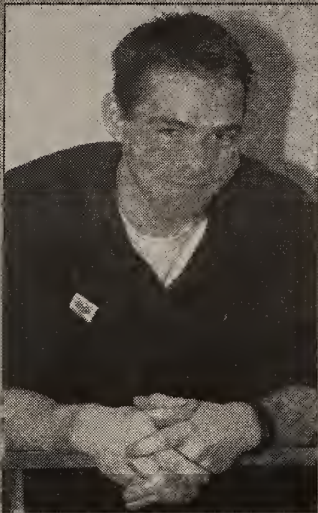
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Doon Student Association elections '99

New VP wants to follow in Cleaves' footsteps



Steve Coleman
vice-president of
student affairs

(Photo by Lisa Wilhelm)

By Lisa Wilhelm

Steve Coleman, a first-year student in the computer programmer analyst program, has been acclaimed to the position of vice-president of student affairs after his opponent dropped out of the running.

Coleman said he decided to run because he was impressed with the organization and the events held by this year's DSA.

"I was very impressed when I first came (to Conestoga) and it made me want to get involved and want to participate in all the events."

He was also impressed with the DSA's current vice-president of student affairs, Gerry Cleaves.

"I was very impressed with Gerry. I want to see if I can do as

well as he did."

If elected, Coleman wants to see all students getting involved and communicating better with other organizations within the college. He wants things to run more smoothly and to create a fun atmosphere for everyone.

For the past two summers, Coleman has been employed by parks and recreation as an adventure leader, which involves planning and working with supervisors as well as children and their parents.

He is also involved in the Conestoga Business Student Association as well as the DSA.

"I helped organize the grub crawl and I was a chaperone for the ski trip. I am constantly involved."



Jennifer Harron
vice-president of education

(Photo by Melissa Dietrich)

Students' issues are her issues

By Melissa Dietrich

Jennifer Harron, a first-year general arts and science (GAS) student, is running for the position of vice-president of education in the upcoming Doon Student Association (DSA) election.

Harron said she decided to run for the education position in particular because she thinks she can help students fight back against the ever changing issues dealing with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and tuition hikes.

"I want to represent students and make sure their voices are heard," she said.

One of the issues that she wishes to address with OSAP is the regulation that students funded by

OSAP may only make \$600 at a part-time job. She would like this amount to be-raised to at least \$1000.

"When you are working part-time, on OSAP and going to school, it is hard to only make \$600," she said.

Harron serves as class representative for the general arts and science (GAS) program, attends board of directors meetings for the DSA and also tries to involve herself in as many DSA activities as she can.

"I'm always informing students in my program and all over the school about the events and activities happening through the DSA," she said.

Harron said her campaign slogan will be: "Your issues are my issues."

Goal of ECE student is to make a difference

By Melissa Dietrich

Rebecca Slaughter, a first-year student in the early childhood education program (ECE), is running for vice-president of education in the upcoming Doon Student Association (DSA) elections.

Slaughter, who is one of two people running for this position, said she decided to run because she enjoys being at Conestoga College and wants to make a difference for the school and the students.

"I want to get students more involved in their education," said Slaughter. "And I want them to know that there is someone here to fight on their behalf."

Slaughter sits in on the board of directors meetings at Conestoga, involves herself with activities and events in the ECE program and said she volunteers her time for as many DSA



Rebecca Slaughter
vice-president of education

(Photo by Melissa Dietrich)

activities as possible.

"I really believe you can't just come to college and do the academic part of it. You have to be able to experience the whole college experience," she said.

Slaughter does not have a campaign slogan in mind, yet, but she said she and her people were sure to have one for the start of the campaign which was scheduled to begin on Jan. 29.

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Maestro captures crowd at local nightclub

By Eileen Diniz

Green lasers and spotlights flashed across the crowd as the godfather of Canadian rap, Maestro (Fresh Wes), sang to his loyal fans at Stages Nightclub in Kitchener, Jan. 28.

Maestro, featuring DJ Legal "E", gave a tremendous performance to the screaming, chanting crowd despite speculation the rapper may have had his day in the spotlight.

"People used to say he had Drop the Needle, Let Your Backbone Slide and Conducting Things. He's done," said Maestro, but as he told the audience at Stages, he is definitely going to stick around in the music business for a long time.

Maestro, who has dropped "Fresh Wes" from his name, is restarting his career with his new album, Built to Last, released in late 1998.

"I'll rock Kitchener just like a symphony," Maestro said.

He rhymed off old-time favourites such as Let Your

Backbone Slide, Conducting Things and Symphony in Effect with his fresh, clear voice. Maestro also did some of his newer rhymes including the No. 4 hit on the MuchMusic Top 30 Countdown, Stick to Your Vision, from his latest CD, Built to Last. The song, which is also his first release from his new album, includes samples from the Guess Who original, These Eyes.

Maestro, whose real name is Wes Williams, was brilliant in his performance, illustrating his love for rap and his determination to succeed this time around.

At one point during his appearance, Maestro showed a more serious and emotional side.

"This next joint is dedicated to all the single mothers in the house and everybody who was raised by a single mother in the house," he said.

Maestro's fans screamed, clapped and sang all night long to his riveting performance. Maestro may have been gone for a while but his fans definitely never stopped loving his cheerful, party

rhymes.

He started rapping when he was 11 and was influenced by artists like Grandmaster Flash. In 1983 he entered a rap festival sponsored by the radio station CKLN as Melody MC.

Maestro later joined fellow rapper Ebony MC (Marlon Bruce) and they formed The Vision Crew. The duo played around Toronto until 1987 when Maestro decided to go solo.

In 1988 he adopted the name Maestro Fresh Wes and recorded, You Can't Stop Us Now, an independent demo. He then released I'm Showin' You, with DJ LTD.

After adding his current manager, Farley Flex, Maestro released Let Your Backbone Slide. This earned him a record deal with the independent label LMR at the annual New Music Seminar in New York.

He later returned to Toronto and signed with Attic Records who agreed to distribute the label in Canada.

In 1990, his debut album, Symphony in Effect, went



Maestro performs at Stages in Kitchener. (Photo by Eileen Diniz)

platinum, selling over 200,000 copies in Canada.

He was the first rapper to perform live at the annual Juno Awards and the performance helped other rappers get their career going.

Symphony in Effect earned Maestro two Junos, including Rap Recording of the Year and received three MuchMusic awards. He moved to New York and released The Black Tie Affair, Maestro Zone and Naaah, Dis Kid Can't Be From Canada before his

latest CD, Built to Last. The new CD is the story of the ups and downs he has encountered over his career.

His music is known for the fast, upbeat sounds and cheerful lyrics, which occasionally have a serious aspect to them.

Maestro also writes his own raps, which are usually about something he enjoys.

During the show, Maestro made several comments to his fans and even promised to sign five CDs for one young man.

After Maestro did as promised and signed a large number of autographs, he even mingled with the crowd, stopping occasionally to chat or dance with one of them.

He thanked the audience repeatedly throughout his performance.

"I want to thank you for all the support you've been giving me," said Maestro.

Despite the sometimes serious undertones, Maestro's performance was of the highest calibre, ultimately upbeat and gripping. He is definitely built to last.

Spam and English don't do welfare, they do windows instead

By Judy Sankar and Elizabeth Sackrider

Kitchener-Waterloo's squeegee kids have a problem. Someone is stealing their buckets, which is ironic considering the reputation squeegee kids have acquired.

"We don't get it, somebody rips off our buckets but leaves the antifreeze behind," said 19-year-old English, a teenager who

makes money by cleaning windshields.

Spam and English might sound like a bizarre breakfast combination, but they are the aliases of Kitchener-Waterloo's two squeegee kids.

The pair make about \$30 in an eight-hour day washing windows on the intersection of Weber and Erb streets in Waterloo.

"The most I have ever got (at one

time) was \$10," said Spam, who is also 19.

Since moving to Kitchener from Toronto in July, the pair have found a place to live for the first time since they have been on the streets.

"Anything that was livable we would live in," said English.

Home is currently a motel where the rent is \$150 a week. They never make enough to cover

their expenses, however, the motel owner lets the pair do odd jobs to help pay the rent.

"Usually our rent is late," said English. "Every penny we make we spend on rent."

They used to live in squats (old abandoned factories and houses) with other street kids. Home became any shelter they could find.

Instead of working on the streets every day, the pair could be collecting social assistance but refuse to let others pay their way.

"We don't want to be on welfare. It is for women and families that don't have a place to live," English said.

Spam agrees saying, "When you are young, you should be doing something, not just hanging around."

According to Spam, there are four basic ways to survive on your own.

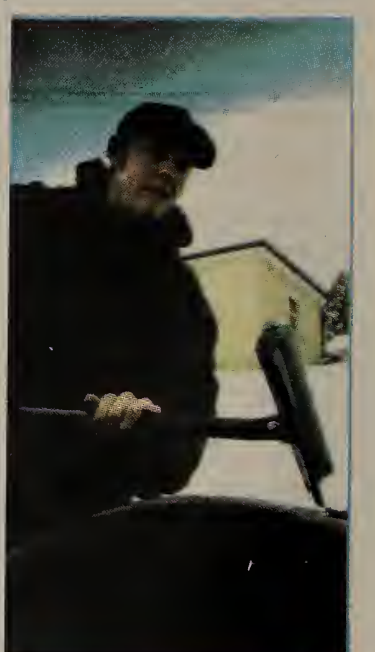
"You are either in school, living off the government, you have a job or you are squeegeeing," he said.

Spam and English go to work every morning equipped with buckets and squeegees, ready to deal with traffic, cold temperatures and angry commuters.

"Don't go live on the streets because you think it is fun. I've seen kids come out on the streets at 13 and end up on cocaine," said Spam.

Living on the street isn't the only danger Spam and English face. Working in the middle of busy intersections also has its hazards. Each day is a game of dodge ball with speeding vehicles.

"The worst was when somebody saw me squeegeeing and decided to hit me with his car. I have been hit a lot of times," said Spam adding that he learned how to



Spam, a Squeegee kid, washes the window of a Dodge Shadow.

(Photo by Elizabeth Sackrider)

throw his weight into a car when he is about to be hit.

English tells about an alarming incident he experienced while working in Toronto a couple of years ago.

"I have had a gun pointed directly at my nose," said English, using his hand as a gun and holding his finger just inches from his face. "I wasn't going to argue with him. I just walked away."

Just like college and university students, Spam and English have dreams.

"If I could be anything, I would be a Supreme Court judge," said English. "I just think it would be fun."

Although neither has a philosophy on life, Spam does have one outlook.

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College pursues granting applied degrees for RNs

By Sarah Thomson

Conestoga College's president is pursuing the Ministries of Health and Education to allow the college to grant applied degrees to RNs since since all new registered nurses in the province will have to have a degree in 2005 as part of the new entry-to-practice standards.

One of the main arguments President John Tibbits is using is the fact Conestoga's graduates have a 98 per cent pass rate on the national exam while the provincial average, of both university and college graduates, is 78 per cent.

If the minister agrees to Conestoga's request, it would be the first time such powers would be given to a community college in Ontario. Colleges already grant applied degrees in Alberta and British Columbia.

Tibbits said the college is not pretending its three-year diploma is the same as a four- or five-year degree at the University of Western Ontario, but the Conestoga program content would be modified and the college would add a year or two to the length of the program.

"We are talking about a degree in a vocational area, which ultimately means nurses are not being evaluated in hospitals on whether they got a 92 in philosophy and 95 in bio-chemistry. They are being evaluated on how well they can do the job," said Tibbits.

This college can produce top quality practitioners that have critical thinking skills and the ability to learn, said Tibbits.

Another argument the college has on its side is the impending nursing shortage expected by the year 2000. It is the college's opinion is the province will not be able to meet the demand for nurses if they allow only university graduates to be registered nurses. Universities would also have to upgrade their facilities including lab spaces and classrooms, which would cost the government more money, said Tibbits.

Conestoga is suggesting the province establish some pilots and start with those colleges that have demonstrated student success on the provincial exam and have met certain criteria and standards, said Tibbits.

Another avenue for training degree-entry nurses is a combination of college and universities courses. The College of Nurses wants colleges and universities to work together to grant RNs degrees. This would require that Conestoga have an articulation agreement with a university.

"We have and are pursuing these arrangements but history suggests that universities may be less than forthcoming and willing," said Tibbits.

There is an unwillingness to enter into articulation agreements because of the clash in value systems, said Tibbits. The university value system is based on the creation of knowledge, and they take pride in the fact the lowest mark in a program is 88 per cent, he said.

"We would be quite happy to have an articulation arrangement but I think we can be working on this till the year 3005 and I'm not sure it's going to happen," said Tibbits adding that getting articulation agreements are a problem for the college. "I think the easiest way is to give us a crack at this," he said.

Nursing by degrees in 2005

By Sarah Thomson

Registered Nursing students should not be alarmed by the changes to RN entry competencies which will require a baccalaureate as entry into practice by the year 2005.

The new standards, passed by the Ontario College of Nurses on Dec. 10, are based on a combination of two competency projects including one at the national level and one done by the Ontario College of Nurses involving key impact interviews and focus groups.

Both projects assessed the impact that the shift to community care and to hospitals as medical/surgical acute-care centres has had on the nursing industry over the last five to 10 years.

Bill Jeffery, dean of health sciences, sent a letter to all RN students discussing the recommendations. He said he wanted students to realize the choices they have made to become diploma RNs does not have to change because the recommendations do not say that current students must acquire degrees.

"Competencies were needed because of the turbulent environment new nurses are finding themselves in," said Barb Mildren, team leader and research and program evaluation for the College of Nurses of Ontario. "There are fewer resources for new nurses."

Mildren, speaking at a health sciences faculty meeting on Jan. 25, related the story of a person from a focus group that found herself in charge of a long-term care setting on her second day of practice. She described feeling totally overwhelmed and how she went home crying for many days because of the situation.

In regard to the educational training of new nurses, Rivie Seaberg, a College of Nurses project leader for entry-to-practice standards, said they were very specific in using the term baccalaureate education instead of university education.

She said baccalaureate education represents a certain type of education. It means changes to both community college and university programs and is understood to mean a great deal of flexibility in how one crafts that program. This is possible because the competencies allow the framework or the standards to work backwards from the universal competencies.

Conestoga's nursing program is not closing shop because of the changes. Students can become RNs and can look at the competencies in the future. They will have to make decisions through the College of Nurses of Ontario's Quality Assurance Reflective Practice Model when they register annually, said Jeffery.

The reflective practice model allows nurses to tell the college what they are doing to upgrade or keep their nursing competencies at the same level in the coming year.

Students currently taking the RN diploma course will take the RN exam in the year 2001 based on the current competencies. The new entry-level knowledge and practice competencies will be introduced with students who commence their basic RN nursing education in 2002.

Competency changes include improved and expanded knowledge in leadership, decision-making, core research, higher clinical, technical and assessment skills and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

All of these skills are required to manage care in a practice setting because there is a higher acuity level both in the hospitals and in the community.



Rivie Seaberg explains the new RN competencies to Health Sciences Faculty.
(Photo by Sarah Thomson)

"Having reviewed the proposed competencies it would not be possible for these competencies to be achieved at a diploma level," said Jeffery. "They do require degree preparation. In the past, the diploma graduate certainly possessed the knowledge and skills at a lower level of performance in each of the categories cited."

In the past, 80 per cent of the RN graduates entering the market were college trained, with 20 per cent coming from universities.

"You don't have to be a genius to understand that colleges and universities working in a collaborative effort to make educational programs that prepare a baccalaureate from entry to practice is really what the government is looking at,"

said Jeffery. "We would like to continue to provide nursing at Conestoga, but I don't know how we are going to do it."

As for colleges and universities collaborating to provide nursing, Seaberg offered her point of view from her research findings. She has a sense there is enough goodwill within the system for colleges and universities to find partners. Distance education and electronic technology are also viable options, she said.

Seaberg said there is a minority of universities that want to partner with community colleges so both institutions could educate in their areas of specialty. She said the majority of universities have the attitude that they did not go into nursing education to work with college-based education. It's their opinion colleges can carry on as they are, but it isn't in the universities future to work with them, she said.

Curriculum will continue to be based on current competencies, and there may be some professional development required for faculty, said Jeffery.

Lois Gaspar, chair of the nursing program, said there are a couple of areas where individuals would have to expand their knowledge base. She is confident in her faculty members, however, she said the vast majority of the faculty are very conscientious and acutely aware of the need for continued learning.

An estimated 80 per cent hold masters' degrees, which they obtained as part-time students while working, and two faculty members have PhDs. Students should feel faculty is quite qualified, said Gaspar.

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Hoping to collect \$2,000

Co-workers raising money to buy PC for sick colleague

By Neven Mujezinovic

Approximately \$1000 has been raised by the Conestoga College community in the first week and a half of a fund-raising drive to purchase a personal computer for Myrna Nicholas.

Nicholas, who has been peer-services administrator for two years and longtime Conestoga employee, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis last year.

Recently, she decided to take sick leave to try a new drug therapy.

"She was the kind of person in a community everybody knew."

*Barbara Kraler,
student services counsellor*

This prompted a few of her colleagues to collect \$2,000 to buy her a computer.

"A lot of people were coming in and saying 'I hope we can keep in touch, that we can e-mail you,' and Myrna would say 'I don't have a computer at home. I am not going to be able to do that,'" says

colleague Barbara Kraler, a counsellor at student services.

Kraler says this campaign has a lot to do with Nicholas and her friendly and outgoing personality.

"She was the kind of person in a community everybody knew."

Kraler says many people in the college community have been touched by Nicholas's kindness and generosity, which is why the response has been so good.

"People have been generous with their donations, but even more they have been very emotional about giving the donations, too," says Kraler.

"People have come in and told different stories about how much Myrna has done for them."

Kraler says a computer will be helpful in lessening Nicholas's sense of isolation.

It will also help her to keep up with her computer skills and to look up information about her health concerns on the Internet.

Kraler says she hopes enough money to purchase the computer will be raised by the end of February.

The computer will be presented to Nicholas at a reception planned for early March.

Don't be fooled, it's a Sunday.



General arts and science, health option student Neil Vandenberg is doing his biology assignment in the college's learning resource centre on Jan. 31. Vandenberg is using his current program as a footstool to get into the paramedics program.

Photo by Jacqueline Smith

Nominate a candidate

Faculty award in progress for distinguished teacher

By Carly Benjamin

Nominations are being accepted for the Aubrey Hagar Distinguished Teaching Award until March 12.

Winners of the award receive \$800 in professional development funds as well as a specially designed liri pipe and a framed Conestoga College coat of arms.

In order to be considered for the award, the teacher must be a full-time, post-probationary faculty member.

Candidates for the award must be nominated by a minimum of four people, consisting of at least one current faculty member and two current or former students.

Support staff and managers are also allowed to be a part of the nomination process.

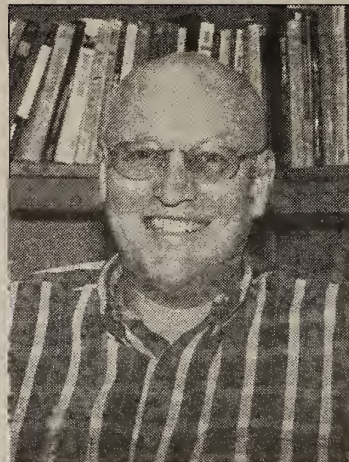
The structure for the committee and the criteria for the award were created by college faculty with support from senior management, the faculty union and Aubrey Hagar.

Hagar was an administrator with the college for 17 years before he retired in 1986. He was director of academic and college planning and director of strategic planning.

According to Jane McDonald, a college professional development consultant who is chair of the selection committee, this award gives the Conestoga staff an opportunity to recognize a staff member for professional excellence.

McDonald said the award focuses on innovative teaching skills at Conestoga College.

Selection committee members check to make sure the nominees show excellence in the following categories: competence



Bruce Bjorkquist was the first recipient of the Audrey Hagar Distinguished Teaching Award.
(Photo by Carly Benjamin)

in learning design, innovation and creativity, integrity and professionalism, leadership in the promotion of quality in education, and concern for and sensitivity towards students. The nominee must also show excellence as an ambassador for the college.

Prof. Bruce Bjorkquist exhibited all of these qualities and was the first recipient of the award in 1988.

"It was particularly meaningful to win this award," said Bjorkquist. "Because it was from my colleagues." He said it was an affirmation of his work and efforts and that was rewarding.

At the time Bjorkquist won the award he taught introduction to psychology, introduction to sociology, and two electives, quest for meaning and ethics at the college's Stratford campus. He is teaching both electives at the Doon campus this year.

After winning the award, Bjorkquist was invited to attend a

major North American conference in Austin, Texas, at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

It was a large conference that brought together college teachers from all over North America, said Bjorkquist.

While it was great to win the award and receive recognition, it was also valuable to attend the conference and meet various high energy people who shared the same interests, he said.

Bjorkquist said developing a course, interpersonal and group dynamics, which he still teaches now, was part of the reason he won the Aubrey Hagar award.

The course explores group work and was initially taught to nursing students. This year the course is being taught to LASA and recreation and leadership students. Bjorkquist said he is proudest of this course because it is something he designed.

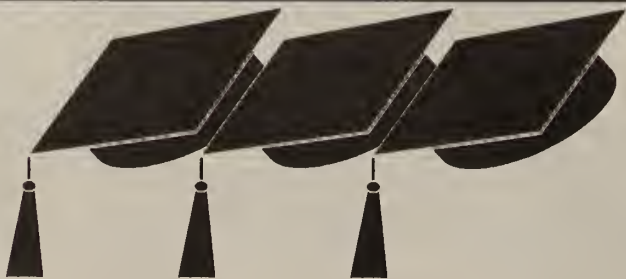
Since winning the award Bjorkquist said he has continued to do what he always has but the recognition he received has allowed him to conduct workshops that deal with teaching skills.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Bjorkquist has maintained involvement in community organizations. He has sat on the board of governors for the Canadian Mental Health Association in Perth County.

A couple of times throughout the year he also helps to train telephone counsellors at the Perth County telephone crisis centre.

Bjorkquist has defined the framework of a recipient of the Audrey Hagar Distinguished Teaching Award.

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Life purpose clear to ECE student

By Janet Wakutz

Preschoolers at the Elmira Child Care Centre look forward to Mondays and Tuesdays when a special friend comes to share songs, stories and puzzles, to help them get dressed for outdoors and to share herself with them.

Laura Bosman, of Drayton, a first-semester ECE student, is as comfortable with children as she is confident about her choice in college programs. She is enjoying her placement in Elmira and appears at ease whether she is helping to supervise activities or helping children climb the steps to the slide.

The 19-year-old knows her life's purpose and is looking forward to her future.

"The reason I came to ECE is I'm good with kids and I go with my strengths," she said.

Getting into the program did not worry the ECE student who said she was at peace because she knew the program was right for her.

"I knew it was where I was

supposed to be, my purpose in life," said Bosman who looks forward to semester three when she will work with infants and toddlers — what she describes as her specialty.

Bosman said placements give students the experience to get to know and love children of different temperaments and how to deal with them while experiencing a variety of curricula.

"You take from different experiences and build on what you like," she said.

Bosman said she plans to work at a day-care centre until she has kids of her own. She may operate a home day care when that happens.

"My desire is not to work in a day care for the rest of my life," said the second-semester student.

Bosman said her desire, from a young age, has been to be a wife and mother and she has always been involved with children's programs at church.

Having children of her own is important to Bosman, who is involved in a serious relationship.



ECE student Laura Bosman is someone children at Elmira Child Care Centre are drawn to. In a quiet corner they share puzzles and friendship. Facing the camera are Shelby Hakkers, age 2 1/2, (left) and Jill Pefect, 2 1/2, (right) (photo by Janet Wakutz)

She hopes her future includes being a stay-at-home mom, as her own mother was.

Although she doesn't judge parents who use day care for their children, she said, she thinks it's important to raise her own kids.

Bosman said she respects parents because they want what's best for their kids but said parents should be with their children as much as possible.

Bosman likes all aspects of her program and says even the amount of planning and paperwork in preparation for activities she plans for her placement doesn't bother her. In fact, she said it's good to have her activity plans at her fingertips so she doesn't have to rely on her memory.

During her day-care placements last semester and now, Bosman said she gets to know all the

children and has become connected to them.

One child had problems around separating from his parents, but as she became a constant figure at day care for him, he got over it. By the end of her placement, the child was helping others.

"You get attached," she said. "You want to be a part of it."

Her experience in Elmira has been positive. From the first day, she told herself, "OK, I'm accepted here, they know me and I have a right to be here."

Staff at the centre made her feel welcome the first day by including her and remembering why she was there.

Bosman would make one suggestion she thinks might improve the program. Two days a week for placement are not enough. She would rather do a six-week placement with college contact for curriculum questions. Two days a week is staggered and irregular for the children, she said.

"I recommend the program to anyone who is looking into doing anything with kids," Bosman said.

LASA students police downtown Kitchener

By Jeanette Everall

Armed with a flashlight, a cell-phone and a radio, two Conestoga College students have recently taken to the streets to deter crime in downtown Kitchener. Michelle Hogeveen and Jeremy Lichty, first-year law and security administration (LASA) students, are policing Kitchener's core as part of the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program.

The community organization is a group of volunteers under the direction of the Waterloo regional police that acts as extra eyes and ears for police officers in the 1st Division.

"Driving slowly makes the offenders feel guilty — like they're being watched."

LASA student,
Jeremy Lichty

After one night on the job, both Hogeveen and Lichty said they are gaining valuable hands-on experience in their chosen field.

"It's good for anybody who's never heard the police over the radio, that's a good experience," says Hogeveen. Being able to listen to the police radio enables volunteers in the program wanting to pursue a career in policing to become familiar with police lingo, she says.

The experience also teaches volunteers how to observe

people, says Lichty.

"It's a different way of looking at things," he says. "When you're driving around you wouldn't notice things like you do when you've got the police radio there (and you can hear what's happening in the area)."

While on duty, Hogeveen and Lichty spend most of their time driving around the city in one of two COP cars. Only one of the cars is marked with the COP logo, but both students agreed, even lurking around the downtown in the unmarked car is an effective way to prevent crime.

"Driving by slowly makes the offenders feel guilty — like they're being watched. It makes them leery," says Lichty.

Hogeveen says COP volunteers are mostly out to deter prostitutes, drug dealers and drinking and driving.

Should the pair ever spot trouble, they are not to have contact with anyone committing a criminal act. Instead they report the activity to their supervisor, a 1st Division officer.

Taking part in the police volunteer program is also a way for Hogeveen and Lichty to fulfil a 40-hour volunteer requirement for their community and social-services course.

This is the first year the course, which is part of LASA's new police foundations program, has been offered to Conestoga students.

Provincially mandated, the volunteer requirement in the community and social-services course is a good way for students

to gain awareness of community issues, says Susan Hartley, of the LASA faculty.

"It makes sense because people who go into police work are involved in the community," says Hartley. "It goes along with the

new philosophy of the police force. They are going more and more towards community involvement."

For Hogeveen and Lichty, their community involvement is like a two-way street. They gain

experience and the community benefits from the organization, says Hogeveen.

"There's more eyes and ears out there," she says. "When (officers) are tied up at Sammy's Garage then we're their eyes and ears."

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Guard kept busy as campus troubleshooter

By Wayne Collins

Trouble has a way of finding Cliff Laurin when he's working.

If not, he goes looking for it when making his rounds as one of the college's 19 security guards.

Coping daily with students' problems might frustrate some people, but Cliff says he enjoys his work.

"I like the people here," he says with a smile. "I like the students and the faculty."

Students create little trouble for him and his co-workers, Cliff says. Usually it's something minor, like washroom vandalism or a broken thermostat, he laughs, explaining someone must have been ticked off, because they couldn't adjust the room temperature.

Thieves create the biggest headache for security. The latest incident involved the break-in of 20 on-campus vehicles.

"Students are smarter than that," Cliff says. "It's mostly outsiders."

There could be no incidents for a month, Cliff says, and, then several in one day. Although security patrols the campus 24

hours a day, he says these thieves are difficult to nab, due to the large number of vehicles and the size of the parking lots.

Chasing thieves, however, is just a small part of the job. Cliff says it beats working security at insurance companies. Sundays are slow but there's barely time for lunch during weekdays.

"Most places are relatively simple, just sitting around and doing nothing," he says, "but, here, there's always a lot to do and lots of places to check out."

Cliff's supervisor keeps in contact with him via a two-way radio and he seldom gets a chance to put it away.

Removing locks and emptying students' lockers is a routine chore when he gets time to do it. Each one normally yields an armload of items he lugs back to the main security office.

He opens two lockers quickly but doesn't get to the third one on his list. Apparently, a student has locked her keys in her car and Cliff grabs a slim jim and beelines it to the parking lot to assist her. Within two minutes she's driving away with a grateful smile.

The third locker stays on the

backburner because another student needs help in parking lot 10.

He scoots out there and is amazed to see three rows of vehicles parked in a two-row lot. The student's car is trapped, along with several others. Cliff shakes his head as if amazed.

"It's not common," says Cliff, "but it's still plain rudeness."

Getting the cars towed is a last resort because security often gets stuck with the bill, he says. In this case, Cliff is almost willing to make an exception.

"I'd pay it myself," he says with a grin.

He says he could ticket most of the vehicles at this lot's meters alone, and probably 75 every other day, if he wanted to.

The college's security staff, however, doesn't consider this their prime directive. Although rules such as non-smoking must be enforced, they are mainly there to help and provide a special service to students.

"We're here for them," Cliff says.

While the culprits who parked in lot 10 are being paged, he trots off looking for more trouble.



Cliff Laurin, a Conestoga security guard, helps Shadina White, first-year LASA student, get into her car on Jan. 29. White locked her keys in the car. (Photo by Wayne Collins)

American dream turns bloody in *A Simple Plan*

By Ken Groulx

Director Sam Raimi, best known for his low-budget Evil Dead trilogy, treads fresh, new waters with *A Simple Plan*. His faithful screen adaptation of Scott Smith's best-selling novel is a meticulously crafted and stylish examination into greed, temptation and moral disintegration that ranks as one of the finest efforts of the new season.

The story unfolds as Hank (Bill Paxton) and his older brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton), along with Jacob's drinking buddy Lou (Brent Briscoe) accidentally uncover a crashed airplane in a snow-covered Minnesota forest. Upon further investigation, the three discover a dead pilot and a treasure trove of over \$4 million in \$100 bills.

Hank's initial moral conscience leads him to suggest they turn their discovery over to the authorities, but he is coerced by the others into keeping the money. They make hollow reassurances their financial godsend is drug money that no one will miss, but agree to hang on to the cash for a year and burn it should suspicion arise.

The trio swears to secrecy, but soon after, allegiances are brought into question and trust and scruples degenerate as they are increasingly snared in their own web of deceit. Corrupted by notions of paranoia and irrationality, the trio is finally forced to turn to dark parts of themselves they never realized to keep their windfall intact.

Steeped in Hitchcockian traditions and a stylized film noir,

A Simple Plan takes a simple scenario and creates a frightening exploration that plumbs the fragile depths of one's moral psyche. Shot against the pure-white winter landscape, the setting offers a sharp contrast to the dark and sinister actions of its characters reminiscent of Joel and Ethan Coen's *Fargo*. In *A Simple Plan*, no one is immune from the seduction of easy wealth and the measures they will go to ensure it baits even the most seemingly moral individual.

Paxton delivers his finest performance since *One False Move* as Hank, a well-liked family man who struggles to maintain his frail grip with twisted rationality and deception. He cloaks himself under a veil of false consolation, but it is still not enough to save him from committing one desperate act after another.

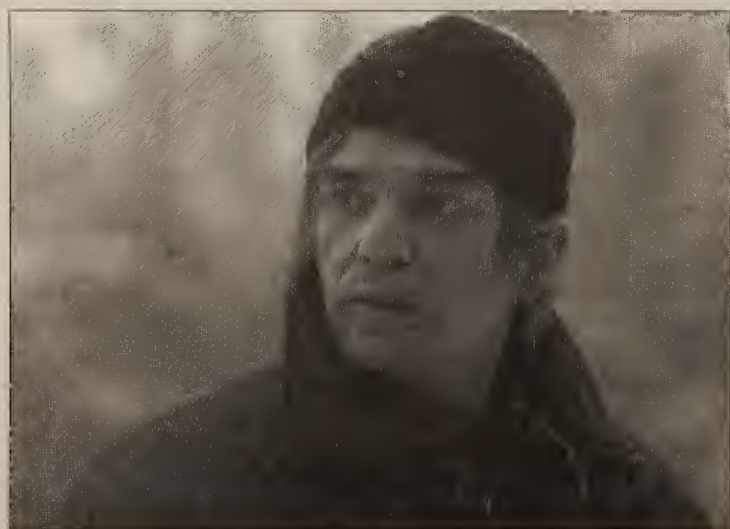
As the feeble-minded Jacob, Thornton completes a trifecta of fine work following *Sling Blade* and *Primary Colors*. As a bespectacled, 40-something unemployed man who has never even kissed a woman, his role would elicit a sense of pathetic sympathy, but Thornton injects a deeper sense of humility and complexion. As a product of small-town existence, he dreams not of exotic tropical destinations but of merely re-acquiring his parents' failed farmhouse. Yet, his simple-mindedness begets his own examination of the ethical dilemma he and his brother face as he questions, "Hank, do you

ever feel evil? I do."

Sarah, (Bridget Fonda) Hank's pregnant wife, sees the money as an escape avenue from their doldrum existence. Blinded by greed even as their plan hopelessly unravels, she too resorts to cold and calculated maneuvering. In attempting to quell her husband's moral unease, she offers a frightening inspiration, "No one will

believe that you're capable of doing what you've done."

Teeming with a moody eeriness that is enhanced by Danny Elfman's ominous soundtrack, Raimi has mastered a harrowing character study into the descent of one's own moral fibre. *A Simple Plan* is laden with such unsettling truths about human nature that it will haunt you long after it's over.



Billy Bob Thornton co-stars with Bill Paxton and Bridget Fonda in *A Simple Plan*. (Internet Photo)

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Japanese animation fan club at UW

CTRL-A presents marathon anime shows

By Brent Clouthier

Japanese animation, or anime, has enjoyed five decades of great success in Japan, but has reached only cult status in North America. The Club That Really Likes Anime (CTRL-A) would like that to change.

CTRL-A, officially founded at the University of Waterloo in 1993, was designed not only for fans of the genre, but moreso for those unfamiliar with the highly-stylized form of animation. They present a marathon eight-hour sitting of anime on the

last Friday of every month at UW in addition to monthly meetings. There is also a club website at www.ctrl-a.org.

The club's members, totalling over 250 people, are quick to educate neophyte fans and are more than happy to do so.

Joseph Chen, an electrical engineering graduate from UW and a former executive member of CTRL-A, is well versed in the history of anime.

"It was popular in the west coast in the '60s," Chen explains "because of the high Asian population. It got some help from

TV stations that picked up anime titles like *Battle of the Planets* and *Astroboy*, for example, and dubbed them. I'm certain that all of us have seen it at some point."

Anime really came into its own with the advent of the computer, Chen says, because of a computer's ability to play video footage and download international files from the Internet.

"All of a sudden, you had a way of really exposing the animation from Japan."

Karl Zaryski, although a second-year computer-programming student at Conestoga College, is the electronic-communications officer for CTRL-A. He sees the biggest obstacle to anime's widespread acceptance as the idea that word "anime" is synonymous with the term "cartoon."

"I think that a lot of the difficulty in the North American

market is that, historically, a lot of animation has been reserved for kids," he explains. "There's only been a handful of titles produced here for an older crowd."

Zaryski sees a move away from that mindset, however, with some of the more recent animation releases.

"Anime really came into its own with the advent of the computer."

Joseph Chen,
former executive
member of CTRL-A

"Animation in general is now being written for a more adult audience, like *The Prince of Egypt*. Even if they weren't the target audience, the film was still written for adults."

Chen echoes Zaryski's opinion that the cartoon stigma is a hindrance to anime's popularity.

"It's just another way of telling a story. Not all anime is *Astroboy* or *Sailor Moon*. You can tell sci-fi, you can tell dramas, you can tell romances. Anime doesn't limit the type of story that can be told. You're really free from the bonds of conventional filmmaking."

Zaryski says there are now over a dozen companies who buy the rights from the Japanese manufacturers to translate the anime and package it for North American consumption.

"It's also possible to get the laser disc from Japan and, if you know Japanese, subtitle it yourself," he says with a laugh. "A lot of those companies were started by fans."

All you need is a computer and a couple hundred dollars of video equipment."

Anime catches Disney's eye

By Brent Clouthier

When a powerful entertainment company such as Disney decides to associate itself with a small market genre, you can bet the genre won't stay small market for long.

Disney has set its sights on *The Princess Mononoke*, the latest film by Japanese animation legend Hayao Miyazacki.

"It's the largest-grossing animated film in Japan," says Joseph Chen, a former executive member of the Club That Really Likes Anime (CTRL-A) at the University of Waterloo.

"It's being released here some time in the summer by Miramax, which is a subsidiary company of Disney."

Chen sees Disney's move as a sign that anime, a highly-stylized form of Japanese animation, has become a more acceptable form of filmmaking by North American audiences.

"*The Simpsons* did a world of good," he says of the popular animated Fox show. "It got people to watch animation that never did before and it's been successful because it's a good social, running commentary; people can identify with it at some level. *King of the Hill* would never have been made if *The Simpsons* didn't take off, *Beavis and Butthead*, too."

Chen says anime, wildly popular in Japan for nearly five decades, has been slow to catch on in North America because of the "kids only" stigma associated with animation.

"I love the way that animation in Japan is pointed at more age groups; they don't restrict it just to the ages of five to 12. They have stories for younger audiences, they have stories for the twentysomethings, they have stories for adults," explains the

electrical-engineering graduate. "People here are really unwilling to accept that a story can be told in animated form and still be

credible. Going mainstream means fighting this more than anything else."

Chen points to the intelligence of animated shows like *The Simpsons* and *The Animatrix* as good examples of more mature audiences gravitating towards the genre.

"If we track the sort of stories told by Disney, for example, they've gone from the very saccharine stuff that an eight-year-old can understand up to more subtle stuff like the scene with the priest in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*," he says of the character's cruel and villainous portrayal.

"Something like that would have been unheard of 10 years ago," Chen continues. "It would have been crossed out by the marketing guys, saying, This is not what we make here. It's undoubtedly the influence of animators, who now feel that these scenes would be more acceptable to the public."

Chen explains that Disney is releasing *The Princess Mononoke* through Miramax because the film's content may still be too touchy for Disney to directly attach its name.

"Even though the Disney name gets put on family-value pictures, it doesn't mean that Disney doesn't look at the opportunity to do exciting action films, for example. Disney has always known that they can't afford to sit there and discard niches they don't like."

Chen views the North American release of *The Princess Mononoke*, as well as numerous others directly to Disney video, as a major triumph for Japanese filmmaking. It also cements the future of anime in the process.

"One of the largest entertainment companies in the world has decided that it's time to bring over a piece of Japanese filmmaking that also happens to be animated," he says with a smile.

Concert, movie, theatre listings


What's on around town

By Ken Groulx

In and around town this week...Attention original artists! **Boo Radleys'** is soliciting entrants for its third annual battle of the bands. Entrants must attend an information session Feb. 21 at 3 p.m...**David Wilcox** brings his Hypnotizing Boogie to Lulu's Feb. 13...If swing's your thing, **The George Rose Band** plays tribute to swing legends Benny Goodman, Tony Dorsey and Glen Miller every Friday at the Black Forest Inn...If you want to support local talent, the newly renovated Walper Pub presents **Mark Perak** Tuesdays, **Shannon Lyon** Wednesday and **Paul MacLeod** Thursday evenings...**Bluesman Mel Brown** and his band the **Homewreckers** jam Wednesday nights at The Flying Dog...**Sandy MacDonald** and **Aaron Solomon** get celtic at the Failte Irish pub Thursday nights; **Nonie Crete** plays Sunday and Wednesday...The Duke of Wellington also has a celtic jam Wednesday nights; **Ernie Lyons** can be seen Friday and Saturday...The Bombshelter at U of W continues its new Indie Thursdays with **Sue Alexain** and **Liz Savafianos** Feb. 11...**Blackfly** plays the Circus Room Thursday nights; **Matt Osborne** jams Monday nights...**White Courtesy Phone** can be seen at the Fox and Pheasant Saturday and Sunday...**Shawn Kellerman**, backed by the **Soul Providers** play at the Huether Hotel Thursday evenings...Wilf's Pub presents an open mike with **Craig Cardiff** Sundays...The Varsity Club features **Derek Hines** every Saturday...If you haven't been to The Loo, the **Waterstreet Blues Band** is reason enough to check it out...Tickets are scarce, but a second show has been added for **The Tragically Hip** Feb. 18 at


Copps Coliseum...Tickets are also now available for **Ashley MacIsaac** and his frenetic fiddle for his show at the River Run Centre Feb. 19...For couch potatoes, the 1983 baby-boomer film **The Big Chill** is being re-released on home video for a 15th anniversary collectors edition, featuring deleted scenes, cast interviews and a digitally remastered soundtrack...**Adrien Lyne's** controversial remake of **Lolita** (starring Jeremy Irons and Dominique Swain as his nymphette love interest) is also available on home video...If you long for the days of Miami Vice, Madonna and John Hughes movies, Club Abstract presents an '80s Retro

Experience every Friday, featuring the best music and videos of the 1980s...**Energy 108's Dance Party** comes to Lulu's Saturday, Feb. 20, featuring **MC Flipside** and **Scot Turner**...On stage, the Guelph Little Theatre presents **The Subject Was Roses** Thursday-Saturday until Feb. 13...**Cowgirls** continues its run at the Waterloo Stage Theatre until Feb. 20...The Elora Community Theatre will feature six performances of Tennessee Williams' **A Streetcar Named Desire**, Feb. 12-14 and Feb. 18-20...The Waterloo Community Arts Centre presents **Theatre on the Edge**, a comedy improv, Thursday evenings at 8 p.m...Have fun.



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Women's soccer team settles for a tie



The Condors' Karen Melanson blasts another shot at the Nights goalkeeper. Melanson played aggressively for the Condors, scoring both goals.

(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)

By Charles Kuepfer

Preoccupied with an upcoming tournament in Kingston, the Condors women's soccer team settled for a 2-2 tie with Waterloo Region's Nights during league play on Jan. 26.

Assistant coach Sanjeeve Dhanapala said his team was focused on the trip to Kingston and not the game at hand.

"There was a lot of conversation on the bench regarding when we're leaving and who's driving," said Dhanapala. "That just told me that their minds weren't really into the game."

The Nights also played well defensively, another reason for the tie.

"The other team played tougher than we did," said Dhanapala. "We weren't in the mood to rough it up."

The Condors opened the scoring

"We weren't in the mood to rough it up."

Assistant Condor coach
Sanjeeve Dhanapala

early into the first half on a goal by Karen Melanson. But the Nights fought back to tie the match with Alisha Groot slipping one by goalkeeper Stephanie DenHann.

The action went back and forth throughout the half, with excellent ball control displayed by the Condors. They also took advantage of the walls, sending balls careening dangerously in front of the Nights' net.

DenHann kept her team on track yelling out direction to them

during the match. It was her first game back after resting a week with a foot injury.

Karen Melanson struck again for her second goal, blasting a shot by the Nights goalie to regain the lead for Condors.

The Condors maintained their 2-1 lead at the half but Alisha Groot capitalized on a chance in front of the goal shortly into the second half, netting her second of the game for the Nights.

Chances were limited for most of the second half but Ang Papazotos had the best chance for the Condors, hammering a shot off the outside of the post.

The Condors see their next action on Tuesday Feb. 9 against the league-leading Conestoga College Alumni. The Alumni are undefeated this season and have scored an incredible 81 goals while allowing only eight. They lead the Condors by two points.

College to host hockey championships

By Rob Himburg

Conestoga College will host the 1998-1999 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association men's provincial and national hockey championships in March.

The college received word from the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association in May 1998 that they would be hosting the Canadian championships on the weekend of March 17-20 at the recreation

centre.

The national tournament will consist of three teams. The Conestoga Condors gain entry as the host team, while the winner of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association tournament will represent the Ontario conference. The third team will come from the Alberta Conference.

Who will represent the Alberta Conference won't be known until the week before the tournament because their season runs longer

than the Ontario Conference season.

If the Condors win the OCAA provincial championships, the second place team will be promoted to the national tournament as OCAA representatives to replace the host team because the round-robin system will not work with two teams.

"I never really thought about that problem until I saw the way the guys were playing and how good our chances are of making it," said Diane Santos, media relations representative for athletics and recre-

ation at the recreation centre.

Santos said the last time an Ontario team won the nationals was the 1996-97 season when the Cambrian Golden Shields took the title.

"Prior to that, the team from the Alberta Conference ran with the tournament for almost 20 years straight," she said. "The teams from out there are very disciplined and take the game seriously, especially at the national level."

Two games will be played each day at the provincial tournament with first place playing fourth and second playing third to determine the teams

for the championship game.

Santos says she is hoping for some good crowds for the tournaments and the remaining regular season games.

"It was really good before Christmas," she said. "Attendance was lower at the Friday night and Saturday afternoon games than the Wednesday night games," she said. "It's not bad, but it's not great either. We could use some more student support," said Santos.

The Condors have four games remaining in their regular season with two at home and two away.

Rodman still a yo-yo

He's retiring, he's not retiring. He's married, he's getting divorced. His hair is red, then it's green. It is hard to keep

up with NBA player Dennis Rodman, who not only changes his mind as often as his hair colour, but has been a hot topic of debate since he was first suspended from the Pistons in 1992.

Rodman has had a colourful career, making him a focus of media coverage over the past six years. It is unbelievable to me that Rodman remains as an NBA player after all the countless suspensions, fines and weird behavior he has become known for, but the fans love him.

Let's talk about suspensions. Twice in Rodman's career, he has been suspended indefinitely. The first time on Nov. 2 1992, for throwing a bag of ice at coach Bob Hill and an official after he was given his second technical in an exhibition game. Not something to get that upset about.

The second time was Jan. 17, 1997, when he kicked a TV photographer standing at courtside. Both times, Rodman



Lindsay
Gibson

was reinstated. In total, Rodman has been suspended for more than 26 games. This guy should be sent for a course in anger management.

Rodman is also very familiar with fines. In 1993, Rodman was fined \$7,500 for head-butting; in 1994, he was fined \$10,000 for verbally abusing referees and failing to leave the court; in 1996, he was once again fined for head-butting but this time the charge was \$20,000 and in 1997, he was fined \$50,000 for his offensive statements concerning the Mormon population in Salt Lake City.

Despite all this, Rodman still has loyal fans. I wonder if people like him because of his ability or because of his off-the-wall style and crazy reactions to regular occurrences in basketball.

He seems to have the knack of getting noticed, whether it be dressed in a wedding gown at a book signing or being accused of grabbing the breasts of women.

I think Rodman says it best himself in the title of his autobiography *Bad As I Wanna Be*. He is just that and will continue to behave like this just as long as the NBA continues to reinstate him, allow him to retire one day and change his mind the next and as long as the fans continue to love him, as weird as he may be.

Movie Night

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Early lead squandered

Condors' wings clipped by Redeemer Royals

By Brian Smiley

NASA may lead the world in shuttle launches, but the space program doesn't have anything on the Conestoga Condors' and Redeemer Royals' basketball teams.

In a game on Jan. 30 at the recreation centre the two teams combined for well over 30 attempts from three-point land, but in the end the Royals outlaunched the Condors 93-80.

While the game was just an exhibition match, since Conestoga is not playing in the OCAA this year, both teams came out trying to make their mark.

Conestoga appeared to be a little more pumped and jumped to an early 13-point lead, led by centre Brian Hibbs' 18 first-half points.

But the lead didn't last long. Conestoga turned the ball over more than a dozen times, which helped Redeemer get back in the game.

At the end of the half, the Condors trailed by four, 44-40.

Conestoga coach Terry Upshaw said his team let Redeemer gain control of the game because they didn't make plays.

"We let them get back into the game because we didn't run any offence," he said.

The second half started out the same as the end of the first, with Conestoga trying a little too hard to gain some momentum.

"The guys haven't played together in awhile, so they just started forcing it," Upshaw said.

While Upshaw said he likes the team to make three or four passes before attempting shots, the Condors continually made one pass and then shot.

While Conestoga was within eight points with under five minutes to play, that was as close



Condor forward Tim Streit lays in an easy basket as Redeemer Royals' Paul Voortman looks on. Voortman led the Royals with 27 points as they defeated Conestoga 93-80. (Photo by Brian Smiley)

as they would come.

When the final buzzer sounded, Conestoga was on the short end, losing by 13.

Brian Hibbs finished with 22 points for the Condors while Tim Streit added 17. Redeemer was led by Paul Voortman, an OCAA all-star, with 27.

Bryan Ferreira, a 6-1, 185-pound guard for the Condors, said the team was just beaten up and down the court.

"We were just lazy, not getting back on defence."

Ferreira said part of the team's problem is not knowing each

other's abilities and how they complement one another.

"We have good players, we just don't get to play together enough," he said.

But Redeemer's coach, Moses Silva, said that even though his team came out on top, the Condors have a lot of talent and were a handful.

"Conestoga has a lot of talent and athletic ability," he said. "They gave us everything we could handle."

The Condors see action next on Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. against the Puma All-stars at the recreation centre.

Less money means fewer sports teams

By Brian Smiley

Conestoga is losing out on talented students because the college offers only four varsity sports, according to Ian James, manager of athletics and recreation.

In 1996/97, when Durham College won the national basketball championship, and Conestoga didn't have a basketball program, four out of the five starting players were from Kitchener.

"We are losing potential students because we don't have certain sporting opportunities here," James said.

Most recently James has been approached by students enquiring about men's fastball, women's basketball, rugby, badminton and cross-country running.

James said that when he is approached by students who want to know why Conestoga College doesn't have a sport or want to try to start a new varsity program, four elements are taken into consideration.

The criteria are financing, scheduling, benefit to students and the return it brings to the college.

Most programs don't get off the ground because the college doesn't have enough money in their budget to support any more teams, he said.

"Right now, financially, we just can't do it," James said.

Higher profile sports provide a financial return to the college because the costs of operating those sports are offset by alumni support, student support and marketing revenues.

In the early '90s a decision was made to stick with the sports that have proved to bring the biggest

return to the college in terms of financial return and benefit to the students measured by support and participation.

"There was a decision made to stay with the four major sports that have been successful for us," James said.

The four sports are women's and men's soccer, women's softball and men's hockey.

James said although these sports meet the four criteria for the formula of a successful program, he still believes the school is missing out on opportunities.

He said that the top colleges in the province which have more varsity athletics than Conestoga are getting many more marketing opportunities because their name is always in print. People with children who want them to attend college read about the schools and will look to those colleges first, because they offer the varsity sport their child wishes to play.

"We're missing out on a lot of profile opportunities for ourselves," he said.

Although James said Conestoga is missing out on student and marketing opportunities, he was quick to point out that academically the college is outstanding.

Students do not choose other schools because Conestoga is lacking in academics, he said.

"It's simply that they want to play a certain sport," James said.

James is always willing to listen to students and meet them half way in terms of facilities, scheduling and being their main contact, if they are interested in starting a new program. The only way he can't help is the funding.

"The students know they can't have the funding," he said. "I've said to them that I'll try to meet them half way."

Upcoming Intramural Games

Ice Hockey

Tuesday February 9

4:30 p.m.

3RD VS. 4TH

Wednesday February 10

4:30 p.m.

2ND VS. 5TH

5:30 p.m.

3RD VS. 4TH (if needed)

Ball Hockey

PLAYOFFS

Information Not Available

Women's soccer team sets record

Alumni torch Burn's Howff 16-1

By Lindsay Gibson

The Alumni are currently in first place in the women's indoor soccer league and kept that position after their 16-1 win over Burn's Howff Jan. 26 at the recreation centre.

The Alumni have also smashed the Condors record of most goals scored in one game, which previously stood at 14.

Margalida Aguilar led the Alumni with an amazing four goals. Amy Yeowell, Amy Olson

and Joanna Mills each scored a hat trick. Marlene Ford, Chantelle Nadeau and Andrea Heroux each scored once for the Alumni.

Adele Keating replied for Burn's Howff who had no substitutions since they only had five players dressed to play.

It was evident at halftime when the score was 10-1, that the Alumni were dominating the game.

But the girls continued to play as a team with Heroux and Ford

always on the ball.

The Alumni are a strong team who play well together. The girls communicate well with one another and show great skill in passing and controlling the ball.

Few attempts were made on the Alumni net, so in the second half goalie Amanda Kesselring played out for a change.

"Either way we're (Alumni) out to have fun," said Ford, Conestoga's assistant athletic director, who organized the team.

Hockey team continues battle for playoffs

Condors hold on for victory over Vipers

By Charles Kuepfer

The Condors continued their run at a playoff berth in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's men's hockey championships, escaping with a 4-3 victory over the Boreal Vipers on their Jan. 29 home game.

They did it the hard way, blowing a two-goal lead and falling behind 3-2 midway through the second period. They also won despite racking up 30 minutes in penalties and surviving a six-minute penalty early in the third period.

The Condors were bailed out by goaltender Phil Popp who made some key saves and picked up his first win of the season.

"Phil kept us in it," said Condor coach Ken Galerno, who quickly dispelled any goaltending controversy by noting that Anthony Gignac is the starter right now.

He said it's an asset to have a two-goalie system where he can put in his backup and know that he'll keep them in the game.

The win was big for Popp who said he is getting his confidence back.

"I've been having a tough time lately but I guess I'm pumped up



Assistant captain, Mike Traynor, fires a shot at the Viper goaltender. The Viper goaltender was busy, facing 58 shots.
(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)

now," said Popp.

Despite the win, Condor coach Ken Galerno said his team can play better.

"I'm happy with the results but not the performance," said Galerno. "I think we brought ourselves down to a level that is a little lower than what we are capable of."

Galerno was delighted with the two points, but said his team lacked in the discipline depart-

ment. "We can play the top team in the country and play at their level, then we play a sixth or seventh place team and somehow we manage to play at their level," said Galerno.

The Condors started the game strong, testing the Viper goaltender Eric Drapeau early and often. Ryan Martin got the Condors on the board just before the midway point of the first period, after some great puck

control in the Vipers' zone.

Less than two minutes later, Sean Murray scored to put Conestoga up 2-0 after banging a rebound past Viper goalie Eric Drapeau.

The Vipers managed to cut into the lead on a power-play goal, but trailed 2-1 at the end of the first.

The Vipers came out inspired in the second period and tied the game just over five minutes in.

Minutes later they took the lead

for the first time in the game, after Dan Bazinet found the top corner of the net.

The Condors regained the lead with two quick goals late in the period. Sheldon Mustard tied the game before Andrew Hartholt netted what proved to be the winner a mere 65 seconds later.

The third period was dominated by penalties and the Vipers blew a huge opportunity to tie the game on a six-minute power play. Popp closed up shop for all Viper scorers and the Condors held on for their fourth win in their last five games.

The Vipers' coach, Larry Bedard, said he was playing short-handed because some of his players' marks weren't up, which meant they couldn't be a part of the team.

The Vipers dressed three lines, but Bedard limited the playing time of his third line.

"I was going with the top lines, and they ran out of steam," said Bedard. "We had our chance though, when there was a six-minute power play. We just couldn't do anything."

The Condors outshot the Vipers 58-28 despite failing to register a shot on goal on their first power-play opportunity.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION NOTICE

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TERM OF OFFICE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 - AUGUST 21, 2000.

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The terms of reference for these elected internal members are the same as those for externally appointed members of the Board of Governors. Nomination forms will be posted on February 18, 1999. Nomination forms will also be available in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. (Kevin Mullan).

Closing date for nominations: **MARCH 11, 1999.**

Lists of nominees to be posted on campus bulletin boards on **MARCH 22, 1999.**

ELECTION DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1999.

Soccer team kicks Cabana butt

By Rob Himburg

The Condors men's indoor soccer team used the over-aggressive play of the Cabana Boys to their advantage by defeating the first place team on Jan. 28 at the recreation centre.

The fast-paced game took place in front of a crowd of 30 fans who were treated to a back-and-forth battle in the first half. This reckless style led to a combined total of six goals in the first half.

The most creative goal, however, came when Condor Dan Mihelic took the rebound of an errant shot off the wall and deposited it past the Cabana keeper before he had a chance to react.

Also netting goals for the Condors in the first half were Zlatko Lokosejak and Paul McQuade. Replying for the Cabana team were Andy Incitt, Carlos Alegre and Dan Pilas.

The second half took a turn for the worse for the league-leading Cabana team as they played a little more zealously which ended up costing them a chance at tying, or possibly winning the game.

With about six minutes left in the second half, the Condors took the lead 4-3 on a goal by Lou Capara. Shortly after the goal, Cabana player Jocy Ferraro got a blue card and was sent off for two minutes. About 30 seconds before Ferraro's penalty expired, Incitt received a blue card for another trip. This was upgraded to a yellow card for an unsportsmanlike display towards the referee, forcing him off for four minutes. Seconds before

Ferraro's infraction was to expire, the Condors sealed their victory on a goal by Andre Pereira, making the final score 5-3.

Condor assistant coach Sanjeev Dhanapala said his team played well, although they lacked the mental game early on.

"A lot of the guys were late for the game," he said. "You cannot mentally prepare for a game when you arrive that late."

He was, however, impressed by the overall play of the team, especially in taking advantage of the extra-player advantage the Cabana team allowed late in the game.

"We played really well," he said. "They're the top team in the league. Their penalties solidified the match for us."



Condor forward Andre Pereira scores a goal as the Cabanas look on.
(Photo by Rob Himburg)